

Annual Report


OF THE TOWN OF

DORCHESTER

NEW HAMPSHIRE

1948





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Annual Report

OF THE
SELECTMEN AND TREASURER
OF THE

Town of Dorchester

together with reports of the
ROAD AGENT AND OTHER OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN

for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1948

also the

Vital Statistics for the Year Ending December 31, 1948

The Colby Press, Rumney Depot, N. H.

1948

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1949.

Recommended by Selectmen

Town Charges	\$	200.00
and all State Credits and Auto Permit Fees		
Town Maintenance: Summer	\$1,100.00	
Winter	\$1,300.00	2,400.00
Town Road Aid		
Old Age Assistance and Town Poor		700.00
Forest Fire Department		50.00
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region		18.22

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

Appropriation	\$	50.00
Reimbursement from State		20.18
Total Receipts	\$	70.18
Payments		59.36
Surplus in Treasury	\$	10.82
Payments		
Fire Meeting at Canaan	\$	21.10
Fire Ban Notices		8.80
Fire Prevention		10.56
Fire Tools		16.22
Freight on Tools		2.68
Total Payments	\$	59.36

No permits will be issued to burn except on rainy days.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY QUANCE, Fire Warden

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Alfred E. Ashley

TOWN CLERK

Nella M. Walker

SELECTMEN

George A. Thayer

Paul D. Smith

George W. Rowen

ROAD AGENT

Adolph W. Delsart

TREASURER

Jennie J. Burnham

TAX COLLECTOR

Alfred E. Ashley

RELIEF AGENT

George N. Burnham

HEALTH OFFICER

Charles A. Krahenbuhl

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Harry Quance

AUDITORS

Nellie M. Ashley

Edith M. MacKenzie

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

James Carter

Ernest J. Hanley

Malcolm D. Merrill

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Paul D. Smith

Alfred E. Ashley

Isaac H. Burnham

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

(LS) To the Inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To raise such sums of money as be necessary for repairing highways and bridges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for Town Road Aid, or State Aid Construction.

5. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Old Age Assistance and Town Poor.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 50.00 for the Forest Fire Department.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the purpose of publicising and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the town together with other towns in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to provide for White Pine Blister Rust Control in co-operation with the Forestry and Recreation Department.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for a chemical toilet for the Town Hall.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for a bulldozer blade for the tractor.

11. To see if the Town will vote to sell the North Dorchester Schoolhouse.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to add to the Capital Reserve Fund.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200.00 for the Sceva Speare Memorial Hospital of Plymouth, New Hampshire.

14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

15. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, or Committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

16. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 21st day of January in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

GEORGE A. THAYER,
PAUL D. SMITH,
GEORGE W. ROWEN,
Selectmen of Dorchester

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

GEORGE A. THAYER,
PAUL D. SMITH,
GEORGE W. ROWEN,
Selectmen of Dorchester

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Lands and Buildings	\$ 147,040.00
Growing Wood and Timber	15,115.00
Electric Plants, Poles and Fixtures	3,820.00
Horses, 28	3,215.00
Cows, 60	6,570.00
Neat Stock, 6	500.00
Sheep and Goats, 19	190.00
Fowls, 354	443.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	5,214.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 2	50.00
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Total Inventory	\$ 182,157.00
Taxes Committed to Collector:	
Property Taxes	\$ 7,377.35
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	146.00
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Total Taxes	\$ 7,523.35
Tax Rate for all purposes	\$ 4.05
Property Valuation exempted to 10 Veterans	\$ 4,100.00

APPROPRIATIONS

Town Charges	\$ 100.00
and all State Credits and Auto Permit Fees	
Forest Fire Department	50.00
State Aid Construction	256.50
Town Maintenance, Summer 1,000., Winter 1,400.	2,400.00
Town Maintenance, Overdraft Winter 1947-8	101.89
Town Maintenance, To Repair Tractor	400.00
Town Maintenance, Garage for Tractor	350.00
Old Age Assistance and Town Poor	400.00
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region	17.13
County Tax	501.65
School Tax	2,808.00
Overlay	138.18
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Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	\$ 7,523.35

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Credits	Appropriations-Expenditures	Surplus	Overdraft
Town Charges	\$ 1,059.06	100.00	1,008.40	150.66
Forest Fire Department	20.18	50.00	59.36	10.82
State Aid Construction	2,000.00	256.50		2,256.50
Town Maintenance, January 1, to March 9th	658.26	101.89	760.15	
Repairs on Tractor		400.00	410.96	10.96
Garage for Tractor Snowplow		350.00	478.13	128.13
Town Maintenance, March 10 to Dec. 31,	1,335.80	2,400.00	2,662.91	
Overdraft on Tractor and Garage			139.09	933.80
Old Age Assistance and Town Poor		400.00	502.37	102.37
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region		17.13	17.13	
County, Tax		501.65	501.65	
School Tax	80.69	2,808.00	2,888.69	
Overlay		138.18		134.18
Capital Reserve Fund	1,730.00		1,730.00	
Totals	\$ 6,883.99	7,523.35.	9,293.75	5,215.96
Surplus, December 31, 1948	\$ 548.07			102.37

Town of Dorchester	Assets
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Cash:

In hands of Treasurer	\$ 1,513.28
Capital Reserve Fund	1,730.00

Due From State:

Joint Highway Construction	2,256.50
Bounties on Bears and Hedgehogs	341.50

Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1947	333.80
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Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1948	460.82
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Total Assets	\$ 6,635.90
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Grand Total	\$ 6,635.90
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Surplus, December 31, 1947	\$ 730.07
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Voted to Capital Reserve Fund	380.00
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	350.07
Surplus Dec. 31, 1948	548.07

Increase of Surplus	\$ 198.00
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LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, land and buildings	\$ 3,525.00
Furniture and Equipment	100.00
Forest Fire Department	100.00
Highway Department, equipment	2,000.00
Schools, land and buildings	2,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	800.00
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	\$ 9,025.00

Town of Dorchester**Liabilities****Accounts Owed by the Town:**

Due to Road Agent, Bal. of Appropriation	\$	712.64
Due to School District, Dog Licenses		80.69
Balance of Appropriation		1,308.00
Due to Capital Reserve Fund		1,730.00
State and Town Joint Highway Construction		
Unexpended balance in State Treasury		2,256.50
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Total Liabilities	\$	6,087.83
Excess of Assets over Liabilities (Surplus)		548.07
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GRAND TOTAL	\$	6,635.90

**LANDS AND BUILDINGS ACQUIRED THRU DEEDS**

A. L. Hofmann Est.	Mining right on 409 acres	\$	500.00
Ralph H. Dodge	Lots 56, 57 and Murphy		
	land (247 acres)		700.00
Ralph H. Dodge	Effie Marshall land, 77 acres		200.00
Ralph H. Dodge	Mill site, half acre		10.00
Ralph H. Dodge	T. Murphy farm, 26 acres		100.00
Andrew & Taylor	Ben Burley farm, 100 acres		200.00
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			\$ 1,710.00

Town of Dorchester	Receipts
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From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, 1948	\$ 6,922.53
Poll Taxes, 1948	136.00
Property Taxes, Uncollected 1947	458.82
Poll Taxes, Uncollected, 1947	10.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	35.29
Interest received on taxes and redemptions	11.81

From State:

For Class 5 Highways	\$ 1,318.40
Interest and Dividend Tax	734.05
Railroad Tax	11.87
Savings Bank Tax	29.21
Fighting Forest Fires	20.18
Bounties on Bears and Hedgehogs	337.00

From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	\$ 87.40
Rent of Town Hall	10.00
Registration of Motor Vehicles, 1947, 1 permit	7.97
Registration of Motor Vehicles, 1948, 64 permits	254.15

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	2,000.00
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Total Receipts	\$ 12,384.68
Cash on hand, January 1, 1948	2,775.70

GRAND TOTAL	\$ 15,160.38
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Town of Dorchester**Payments****General Government:**

Town Officers' Salaries	\$	492.69
Town Officers' Expenses		210.59
Election and Registration Expenses		230.00
Expenses of Town Hall		19.00

Protection of Persons and Property:

Forest Fire Department		59.36
Bounties on Bears and Hedgehogs		341.50

Health:

Health Officer		4.00
Vital Statistics		3.00

Highways and Bridges:

Town Maintenance		3,368.56
Repairs on Tractor		400.00
General Expenses		139.09

Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance		502.37
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Unclassified:

Damages and Legal Expenses		17.14
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee Region		17.13
Taxes bought by Town		369.09
Bank Charges		1.98
Outstanding check of 1946		2.00

Interest:

On Temporary Loans		30.00
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Outlay for New Construction:

State Aid Construction		256.50
Portable Tractor Garage		350.00

Indebtedness:

Payments of Loans		2,000.00
Payments to Capital Reserve Fund		1,730.00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

Taxes paid to County		501.65
Payments to School District		2,601.45

Total Payments	\$	13,647.10
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Cash on hand December 31, 1948		1,513.28
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GRAND TOTAL	\$	15,160.38
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Salaries of Principal Town Officers:

George A. Thayer, Selectman	\$	19.20
Paul D. Smith, Selectman		112.00
George W. Rowen, Selectman		115.20
Jennie J. Burnham, Treasurer		25.00
Nella M. Walker, Town Clerk		25.00
Nella M. Walker, Auto Permits		32.50
Alfred E. Ashiey, Tax Collector		150.99
Nellie M. Ashley, Auditor		6.40
Edith M. MacKenzie, Auditor		6.40

Total	\$	492.69
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Officers' Expenses:

George A. Thayer, expenses	\$	2.80
Paul D. Smith, postage and expenses		16.71
Jennie J. Burnham, postage		3.00
Nella M. Walker, postage		1.21
Alfred E. Ashley, postage and expenses		6.20
Malcolm D. Merrill, expenses for Selectmen		22.80
Adolph W. Delsart, expenses for Selectmen		14.20
George H. Joyce, Jr. expenses for Selectmen		5 00
The Colby Press, Town Reports, Bonds, etc.		102.34
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc., supplies		20.58
D. L. Garrison, Auto Guide		4.50
Registry of Deeds, transfers		6.00
Edward H. Quimby, adding machine ribbon		1.25
Association of N. H. Assessors, annual dues		2.00
N. H. Tax Collectors' Association, annual dues		2.00

Total	\$	210.59
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Expenses of Town Hall:

John Quimby, Janitor	\$	9.00
Raymond O. Patterson, slabs		10.00

Total	\$	19.00
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Election and Registration Expenses:

James Carter, Supervisor and Checklists	\$	57.20
Ernest J. Hanley, Supervisor		44.80
Malcolm D. Merrill, Supervisor		51.20
Alfred E. Ashley, Moderator		19.20
John Quimby, Police Officer		19.20
Edith M. MacKenzie, Ballot Clerk		19.20
Isaac H. Burnham, Ballot Clerk		19.20

Total	\$	230.00
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Health:

Charles A. Krahenbuhl, Health Officer	\$	4.00
Nella M. Walker, recording Vital Statistics		3.00

Total	\$	7.00
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Respectfully Submitted,

GEORGE A. THAYER,

PAUL D. SMITH,

GEORGE W. ROWEN,

Selectmen of Dorchester

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**Receipts from Dog Licenses**

26 Males at \$2.00	\$	52.00
6 Females at \$5.00		30.00
1 Kennel at \$12.00		12.00

Total	\$	94.00
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Clerk's Fees, 33 at 20 cents		6.60
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Total Paid to Treasurer	\$	87.40
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Receipts from Auto Permits

For 1947, 1 Permit	\$	7.97
For 1948, 64 Permits		254.15

Total Paid to Treasurer	\$	262.12
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Respectfully Submitted,

NELLA M. WALKER, Town Clerk

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Receipts

Part of 1948 Appropriation	\$	1,687.36
Class 5 Highways		1,318.40
Private Road work		15.00
Outstanding check, 1946		2.40

Total Receipts	\$	3,023.16
Payments		2,802.00

Cash balance, Dec. 31, 1948	\$	221.16
Unexpended Balance in Treasury		712.64

Payments

Adolph W. Delsart, labor and expenses	\$	823.85
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Labor:

Edgar C. Willey	308.76
Fred L. Goss	68.40
John Quimby	65.60
George W. Rowen	45.80
Curtis W. Whipple	40.80
Paul D. Smith	39.60
Robert B. Whipple	23.80
Albert Authier	25.60
Albert F. Raynor	22.40
Richard P. Carter	20.40
Harold Walker	15.60
Clyde Quimby	14.80
Malcolm D. Merrill	13.60
Custer B. Quimby	11.20
Rowe H. Ashley	10.40
Ernest L. Carter	8.80
A. J. Martin	8.40
John C. Davenport	6.80
James Carter	6.40
Walter L. Clogston	6.40
Walter Hazelton, Jr.	6.40

Marshall C. Ryea	3.60
Ernest Carter, labor and truck	173.00
Alfred E. Ashley, labor and truck	135.30
Ernest J. Hanley, labor and truck	17.20
Carl M. Bowles, labor and truck	2.40
Herbert A. Ashley, tractor, gas and sand	59.90
Elwin O. Clough, labor and team	52.00
Isaac H. Burnham, labor and team	35.20
George N. Burnham, stringers and tractor insurance	21.15
F. K. Duston, bridge stringers	8.25
Ben B. Foster, blacksmithing	8.10
Irvin N. Foster, bridge plank	142.60
Irvin N. Foster, moving tractor garage	75.00
Asa C. Lary, bridge plank	135.95
Paul Townsend, gas	92.75
R. C. Hazelton Co., tractor parts	89.74
A. C. Page, welding	30.00
Gordon McKee, freezone	18.25
Fuller's Auto Service, grease, oil and parts	15.04
Western Auto Store, tools	7.17
Eastman Bros., tractor parts	1.91
Foster Brothers, spikes and express	3.35
H. L. Webster & Sons, spikes	2.40
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	1.99
Town of Canaan, plowing snow	37.50
Town of Lyme, plowing snow	15.00
Pemigewasset Nationa Bank, Bank charges	7.48
H. L. Webster & Sons, overdraft of tractor repairing	10.96

Total Payments	\$ 2,802.00
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Included in the above and paid from Winter money:

Moving and setting up Tractor Garage	128.13
Tractor repair above appropriation	10.96

Respectfully submitted,

ADOLPH W. DELSART

Road Agent

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

January 1, to March 10, 1948

Receipts

Cash on hand, January 1, 1948	\$	258.26
Balance of Appropriation, 1947		400.00
Overdraft, Special Appropriation		101.89
Total Receipts		<hr/> 760.15
Payments		760.15

Payments

Ernest Carter, labor and truck	\$	191.20
Ernest Carter, miscellaneous expenses		21.27
Richard P. Carter, labor		77.60
Malcolm D. Merrill, "		58.96
Walter Hazelton, Jr. "		38.40
Walter L. Clogston "		30.40
George H. Joyce "		18.80
Paul Timson "		16.80
James Carter "		16.00
Edgar Lachance "		14.04
John C. Davenport "		8.80
Edward B. Short "		8.40
Elwin O. Clough, team		5.00
Herbert A. Ashley, sand		4.00
Paul Townsend, gas		82.87
Town of Lyme, plowing snow		60.00
Fuller's Auto Service, oil and parts		4.85
Arthur C. Page, welding plow		15.00
Avery's Garage, repairs		10.92
Bartlett Motor Service, battery and repairs		29.55
Lee Batchelder, Inc., repairs on tractor		36.05
Caldron's Sales and Service, magneto repairs		2.00
Pease Motor Sales Inc., anti-freeze		3.50
Ben B. Foster, blacksmithing		2.00
Pemigewasset National Bank, bank charges		3.74
Total Payments	\$	<hr/> 760.15

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST CARTER, Road Agent

TREASURER'S REPORT

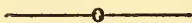
Receipts

Cash on hand, January 1, 1948	\$ 2,775.70
From Selectmen	4,460.71
From Town Clerk	349.52
From Tax Collector	7,574.45
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Total	\$ 15,160.38

Payments

By order of Selectmen	\$ 13,647.10
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Cash on hand, December 31, 1948	\$ 1,513.28

Respectfully submitted,
JENNIE J. BURNHAM, Treasurer



REPORT OF RELIEF AGENT

Appropriation	\$ 400.00
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Payments

Old Age Assistance, 4 cases	\$ 1,612.17
Hospital and Medical care	397.22
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Total Payments	\$ 2,009.39
Payments by Town, 25 percent	\$ 502.37
Overdraft above appropriation	\$ 102.37

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE N. BURNHAM,

Relief Agent

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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Assessment, 1948	\$	7,523.35
Added Poll Tax		2.00
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Total	\$	7,525.35
Abatements and Uncollected		466.82
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Taxes Collected 1948	\$	7,058.53
1947 Taxes Uncollected, Paid or Sold		468.82
Tax Sale Redeemed, Levy of 1947		35.29
Interest on Taxes and Tax Sale Redeemed		11.81
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Total Collected and Paid to Treasurer	\$	7,574.45

Abatements

Alden and Eliza Hall, Poll Taxes, over 70	\$	4.00
Rosa Schilling, Poll Tax, non-resident		2.00
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Total Abatements	\$	6.00

Uncollected

William E. Moses	\$	16.18
Rose Champagne Estate		56.70
Edgar C. and Mildred M. Willey		28.30
Gerald F. Chaisson		24.30
Ernest M. Fifield		48.18
Ruth Colburn Gray Heirs		3.66
Mrs. E. D. Park Heirs		283.50
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Total Uncollected	\$	460.82

Respectfully Submitted,

ALFRED E. ASHLEY, Collector

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Lucy Hazen Kimball Fund for care of the Sanborn and Mehitable Blaisdell Lot:		
Fund received and deposited March 1930	\$	66.23
Interest in bank, April 1, 1947		19.14
Interest from April 1, 1947 to April 1, 1948		1.72
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Total Interest in Bank	\$	20.86
Scott D. Burley Fund for care of his lot in Cheever Cemetery		
Fund received and deposited Sept. 1940	\$	300.00
Interest in Bank, April 1, 1947		22.41
Interest from April 1, 1947 to April 1, 1948		6.53
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Total Interest in Bank	\$	28.94
No Payments in 1948 from either Fund.		
Capital Reserve Fund for purchase of Snow Removal Equipment, Bulldozer or building concrete bridges:		
Raised \$300.00 Transferred \$1,050.00 1947	\$	1,350.00
Transferred from Cash Surplus 1948		380.00
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Total	\$	1,730.00

Respectfully submitted,
 PAUL D. SMITH,
 ALFRED E. ASHLEY,
 ISAAC H. BURNHAM, Trustees

AUDITORS' REPORT

We the undersigned, having examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agents, Town Clerk, Trustees and Relief Agent, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

January 15, 1949

NELLIE M. ASHLEY,
 EDITH M MACKENZIE

Auditors

School Officers

SCHOOL BOARD

Harold Walker, Chairman
Mrs. Frances E. Merrill Isaac H. Burnham

MODERATOR

Alfred E. Ashley

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

Mrs. Esther H. Ashley

CLERK

Mrs. Nella M. Walker

AUDITORS

Nellie M. Ashley Mrs. Edith M. MacKenzie

ATTENDANCE AND CENSUS OFFICER

Paul D. Smith

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Arthur S. Rollins

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Dorchester, N. H., qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 8th day of March 1949, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the District will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of statutory obligations of the District, as determined by the School Board in its annual report.
9. To see if the District will vote to raise \$ 325.00 for a deficiency appropriation.
10. To see if the District will vote to raise \$150.00 to paint the outside of the Cheever School House.
11. To see if the District will vote to raise \$200.00 for Music Instruction.

Given under our hands at said Dorchester this 22nd day of January 1949.

FRANCES E. MERRILL, HAROLD WALKER
ISAAC H. BURNHAM
School Board of Dorchester

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Dorchester School Board:

My sixth annual report discusses problems and needs relative to school operation and presents information that may be helpful as well as of interest to people of the town. Suggestions made in it may be of service to board members in deciding school policy.

It is pleasant to note that the interest and cooperation of townspeople and their friendly attitude towards the school continue. These things mean a great deal to those who are directly concerned with the work in Cheever School and make it easier to overcome whatever difficulties may arise. Special mention should here be made of public generosity which gave us a piano, provided our own water supply, and gave the children the benefit of music instruction even though the school district rejected a special appropriation for that purpose. The total situation in Dorchester is one which few towns can match.

Since there is only a single school to meet the elementary school requirements of our children it is to be hoped that the district may see its way clear to approve some, if not all, of the suggestions here offered. As a corporate body, every school district has duties and responsibilities that should not be delegated to individual members of the community, however willing they may be.

For a long time the school building has been in need of paint which would not only improve its appearance but would also keep it in better condition. We all know from our experience in the up keep of private property that repairs made in season are more effective as well as less expensive. There is no difference between public and private property in this respect.

Annual replacement of obsolete and badly worn desks and chairs ought to be started and continued until every pupil has modern equipment. Because of the cost of these units, the program of replacement should be extended over a period of five years, with a few added each year.

Textbook equipment and other instructional materials are good with the exception of maps. A complete new edition of wall maps should be provided as soon as possible. Both pupil confidence and interest would be improved by this addition.

By comparison with a state median salary of \$2,200 and an average of median salaries which is \$2,260 in nearby supervisory unions, it appears that our single salary ought to be increased. A teacher of long experience and proven ability deserves salary recognition that is less than \$400 below what Dorchester would have to pay for a 1949 teachers college graduate without any experience.

Pupil transportation is a matter of considerable trouble and expense in any school system, whether that system be large or small. It is not uncommon for needs to arise for which there may be only limited financial provision. That happened to us this year, and seems to suggest that it may not be best to figure too closely on requirements that cannot be predicted a year in advance with too great accuracy.

Dorchester is the only school district in this supervisory union whose budget does not provide for music instruction. It is true that a child can live and get along without music. It is equally true that he lives more completely and is likely to get along better if he understands music. When our children go out from their school they will mingle and compete with those who have had this extra advantage. It may be that Dorchester too, will sometime decide to offer an opportunity that is very generally given to pupils in other schools.

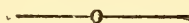
The facts and opinions stated are not presented in a spirit of complaint or criticism. They are put before you for information and for whatever help they may give in your future planning for the one school that now remains to guide and train your children. Those children deserve the best we can afford to give.

It has been a pleasure to work in your school. The friendliness of parents, the enthusiasm of pupils, the efficient work of the teacher, the sincere interest of school board members deserve this word of appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur S. Rollins

Superintendent of Schools



1949-1950 Dorchester School Calendar

Term Begins	Term Ends	No Weeks-NoDays	
Sept. 6, 1949	Dec. 22, 1949	16	72
January 3, 1950	February 18, 1950	7	35
February 28, 1950	April 22, 1950	8	40
May 2, 1950	June 17, 1950	7	34
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Teacher in Cheever School 1948-1949 . . Miss Nellie M. Ashley

BALANCE SHEET

Assets, June 30, 1948

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Cash on hand:

Cash on hand, June 30, 1948	\$	492.70
Accounts due to District from Town		601.45

Total Assets	\$	1,094.15
Grand Total	\$	1,094.15

Liabilities

Amounts reserved for special purposes	\$	394.00
Surplus		700.15

Grand Total	\$	1,094.15
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

From Whom	Source	Amount
Town of Dorchester	School Appropriation	\$ 500.00
Topliffe Sawyer	Rent N. Dor. School H.	20.00
William B. Mercer	Sale timber, River School H.	22.23
Town of Dorchester	School Appropriation	600.00
Town of Dorchester	School Appropriation	500.00
Town of Dorchester	School Appropriation	500.00
Town of Dorchester	School Appropriation	677.00
State of New Hampshire	State Aid Fund	1,278.02
F. E. Compton & Co.,	Refund	5.00
Town of Dorchester	School Appropriation	500.00
Town of Groton	Tuition	25.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS DURING YEAR		\$ 4,627.25

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT TREASURER

Summary

Cash on hand June 30, 1947	\$	213.55
From Selectmen, appropriations for current year		2,777.00
Balance of previous appropriation		500.00
Received from State Treasurer		1,278.02
Received from all other sources		72.23
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Total receipts for fiscal year	\$	4,627.25
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		4,840.80
Less School Board Orders Paid		4,348.10
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Balance on Hand as of June 30, 1948	\$	492.70
ESTHER H. ASHLEY, District Treasurer		

 AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Dorchester, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948 and find them correct in all respects.

EDITH M. MACKENZIE

NELLA M. WALKER

July 12, 1948

Auditors

FINANCIAL REPORT

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Receipts

State Aid:

Equalization Fund or General Aid	\$	1,278.02
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Local Taxation:

For support of schools	\$	2,477.00
Special appropriations		300.00
Balance of previous appropriations		500.00

From Sources Other Than Taxation:

Elementary school tuitions		25.00
Sale of property		22.23
Other receipts		25.00

Total Receipts from all Sources	\$	4,627.25
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1947		213.55

GRAND TOTAL	\$	4,840.80
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Payments

Administration:

Salaries of District Officers	\$	93.00
Superintendent's excess salary		60.47
Tax for State wide supervision		42.00
Expenses of administration:		
Clerical assistants		21.30
Supplies and expenses		37.87

Instruction:

Principal's and teacher's salaries	1,500.00
Text books	28.86
Scholars' supplies	118.08
Supplies, other expenses	4.54

Operation of School Plant:

Janitor's salary	58.45
Fuel or heat	99.28
Water, light, janitor's supplies	32.10
Repairs and replacements	292.25

Auxiliary Activities:

Health supervision, Salaries	80.00
Transportation, Contract services	1,328.00
Tuition, elementary and secondary	249.61
Other activities	1.14

Fixed Charges:

State retirement and other	62.50
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Capital Outlay:

Improvement to buildings	238.65
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Total Payments for all Purposes	\$	4,348.10
Cash on hand at end of year, June 30, 1948		492.70

GRAND TOTAL	\$	4,840.80
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AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Dorchester of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

EDITH M. MACKENZIE,
NELLA M. WALKER,

July 12, 1948

Auditors

1949-1950 DORCHESTER SCHOOL BUDGET**Support of Schools:**

Teacher's salary	\$ 1,800.00
Text books	50.00
Scholars' supplies	82.50
Other expenses of instruction	35.00
Janitor service	70.00
Fuel	100.00
Water, light, janitor's supplies	35.00
Minor repairs and expenses	50.00
Health supervision	90.00
Transportation of pupils	1,828.00
Other special activities	10.00
New equipment	63.00
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	\$ 4,213.50

Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of district officers	\$ 127.00
Truant officer and school census	10.00
Payment of tuition in high schools	945.00
Superintendent's excess salary	65.00
Per capita tax	50.00
Retirement	98.50
Other obligations imposed by law	40.00
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	\$ 1,335.50

**Total Amount Required to Meet
School Boards' Budget**

\$ 5,549.00

ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

Estimated balance June 30, 1949		none
State Aid Allotment	\$	1,200.00
Dog tax, estimated		90.00
Elementary School tuition, receipts		76.00
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Total (not raised by taxation)	\$	1,366.00
Assessment Required to Balance Budget	\$	4,183.00
Special appropriation proposed: Music, ..\$200, Deficiency ..		
\$325., Painting school house ..\$150.	\$	675.00
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Total Assessment Required	\$	4,858.00

Marriages Registered in the Town of Dorchester, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1948

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride at time of marriage	No Marriage		Occupation of each	Birthplace of each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	Name, Residence, Official Station of Person by whom married
		Age	Color						
June 4	Charles Carter Rumney N. H. Dorchester	51	W 2	Woodsmen	Methuen Mass	Caryle Carter Jane Fairburn Melvin Allard	Hull England Hull England Whitefield N. H.	Housewife Factory Laborer	Leslie L. Bunker Justice of Peace Rumney N. H.
September 13	Morton Maurice Moses New Hampton Dorchester N. H.	25	W 1	Lumberman	Dorchester	Mary Morton William E. Moses Edith L. Gosse	Lyman N. H. Malone N. Y. Dorchester N. H.	Lumberman Housewife Farmer	Milford B. Forshay Minister New Hampton
November 20	Ella Vera Ewens New Hampton	15	W 1	At Home	New Hampton	Henry A. Ewens Margaret M. Hughes	Orford P. Q. Liverpool England	Housekeeper	Howard Stimmel Minister White River, Vt.
White River, Vt.	Walter Hazelton Jr. Frances A. Burnham Plymouth N. H.	17	W 1	Laborer	Orange N. H.	Frances E. Willey Kirk N. Burnham Susie I. Chase	Dorset N. H. Merced N. H. Dorchester N. H. Wentworth N. H.	Housekeeper	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Dorchester, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1948

Date	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age Sex & Condition		Place of Birth	Occupation	Birthplace of Parents		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months						
April 30	Dorchester	Joseph Geeb	65	10	12	M M W	Budapest, Hun.	Machinist	Hungary	Martin Geeb Barbara Matizela
May 21	Hartford, Vt.	Paul C. Dicey	25	8	13	M S W	Landeboro N. H.	Farmer	Unknown	George C. Dicey Unknown
Aug 13	Dorchester	Wm M. Kearons	70	5	22	M M W	England	Minister	Ireland	Geo. Kearons Ann Maybresk

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief. NELLA M. WALKER, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Your local organization to prevent and extinguish brush and woods fires is glad to report a good year of forest protection in 1948. In spite of danger conditions nearly equalling at times those of 1947 when great losses were suffered in New Hampshire and New England, fire damage and loss this year have been gratifyingly low.

With the continuing cooperation of all the people, we can hope to have another successful year in 1949. Let us remember that in any year, over 90 percent of all fires are caused by carelessness and that all of these man caused fires are preventable.

Today, we have more slash and uncut grassland than for years in the past.—Smokers, campers and tourists who use our outdoors are also more numerous than ever before. We must therefore be ready for fires which might occur but, above all, prevention by everyone is the greatest need.

A few simple precautions taken by every citizen will help, as follows:

- (1) Always get a written permit from the warden before kindling a fire outdoors when the ground is not covered with snow.
- (2) If you smoke, always extinguish matches and tobacco before dropping or throwing down. In automobiles, always use ash trays.
- (3) Report fires and smokes to the warden without delay.

The observance of these and other simple rules will go far to insure safety from fire damage and your cooperation in this way is earnestly solicited.

1948 Fire Record for Town of Dorchester

Number of Fires No fires during 1948

Number of Fire Permits Issued 13

Respectfully Submitted,

George F. Richardson, Jr.

District Fire Chief

Harry Quance

Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To the Dorchester School Board:

I herewith submit my report as School Nurse from September 1947 to July 1948.

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Number of Children inspected 23

Symptoms of defect found:

Dental 11 Tonsils 2

Glands 2 Underweight 4

Vision 3

These corrections were reported made:

Dental 4 Vision 3

Two children had glasses through the Sight Conservation Program of the State Public Welfare.

One child had examination and chest X-Ray at the New Hampshire Tuberculosis Chest Clinic held at Plymouth.

Talks on nutrition, posture, cleanliness and dental care were given and the teacher has daily health inspection.

The inspection given in the Fall of 1948 showed symptoms of the following defects:

Number of children inspected 21

Tonsils 2 Glands 2

Dental 8 Underweight 5

Speech 1 Vision 4

Hearing 3

The audiometer test was given to all above the second grade. 15 children were tested and 3 had symptoms of some hearing loss.

The Massachusetts Vision Test was used in examination of eyes and 7 showed symptoms of poor vision, 4 of whom previously had glasses.

This year no diseases have been reported and the attendance has been very good.

I have attended the Teachers' Institutes, several Nurses' Meetings and the Health Work Shop held at Keene Teachers' College the first week in September. All were very inspiring and helpful.

The fine cooperation of Parents, Teachers, School Board and Superintendent is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted, ANNA M. LOVETT, R. N.

School Nurse

(This report received after remainder of book was printed)

